



## Western Queens Power for the People Campaign

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Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary  
State of New York Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: CASE 06-E-0894 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Investigate the  
Electric Power Outage of Consolidated Edison Company of New  
York, Inc.'s Long Island City Electric Network

Dear Secretary Brillling:

On April 24, 2008, the Department of Public Service Staff (“Staff”) filed a Joint Proposal on behalf of Signatory Parties as a proposed resolution of the prudencce investigation that was initiated regarding the July 2006 Long Island City network outages in the proceeding referenced above.

As a Signatory Party, the Western Queens Power for the People Campaign (“WQPFP”) supports the Joint Proposal and urges its adoption by the Commission.

The WQPFP was founded during the July 2006 outage by people who live and work in the outage-affected communities. WQPFP has been an active party in this proceeding since August 2006, and has served since then as a community voice in this proceeding.

We still firmly believe that Con Edison’s negligent operation of the LIC network caused the power outage, that the outage was preventable and that our suffering was needless. However, we believe a settlement of this proceeding is the best possible outcome for the community given the shortcomings of the existing laws, which do not provide for full compensation to individuals and communities damaged by power outages.

The Western Queens Power for the People campaign supports the Joint Proposal because:

1. It allocates most of the \$17 million in Con Edison stockholder funds for direct benefits to our community through refunds, tree planting and greening projects – a groundbreaking concession for a settlement of this type of case;
2. It allocates up to \$500,000 for a damage assessment study of the actual impact in terms of economic and health costs of the outage on our community, setting the stage for legal and regulatory changes that can improve the way communities like ours are compensated in future outages; and
3. It prevents \$46 million in outage-related capital costs and carrying charges from being passed on to customers.

Since becoming an active party in this proceeding, WQFPF volunteers have put in countless hours testifying at public hearings, preparing documents, participating in meetings and discussions with other parties (with and without Con Ed), and taking part in negotiations that led up to the Joint Proposal in order to bring the community's voice to the proceeding.

WQFPF supports the Joint Proposal because we believe it represents the best settlement the current laws will allow, and it sets the stage for improving those laws for the future so other communities will benefit from the struggle we had to go through.

Sincerely,

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Molly Charboneau  
For the  
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cc: Hon. Jeffrey Stockholm  
Hon. Eleanor Stein  
Active Parties (via e-mail)